THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Funds amounting to Rs. 3.98 crore were released till, 1993-94 taking into account total schemes approved for the State total funds released to the State, balance of operative sanctions in hand, inter-se priority on all-India basis and availability of funds. As such, it is too early to indicate the amount likely to be made available to Rajasthan Government under Central Road Fund during 1994-95.

Construction of new National Highways in North Eastern Region

5805. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct New National Highways in North-Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof Statewise and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government also propose to widen the existing National Highways of North Eastern Region;

(d) if so, details thereof Statewise and if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government also propose to make any improvements on National Highways of North-Eastern Region from safety as well as beautification point of view; and

(f) if so, details thereof Statewise and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (f) Widening of National Highways is a continuous process and is undertaken keeping in view traffic intensity, safety etc. within the funds available. Widening of 470 km of National Highways in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura are in various stages of progress. In addition to this, 116 km of National Highways in the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur are also provided in the 8th Plan period.

Scheme to Revive Sick Shipyards

5806. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry has finalised the scheme for revival of sick shipyards and modernisation of port facilities in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Paradeep Port in Orissa has been included under this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) *Scheme for revival of sick shipyards*;

(i) The price of an ocean-going ship will be fixed on the basis that the public sector yard would participate in an open tender and be permitted to match the lowest bid and thereafter be entitled to 30% extra price over the above price, 20% being payable by Government and 10% by the shipowner;

(ii) Loans at concessional rate of 9% to the extent of 80% of